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To
Instructional Quality Commission
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RE: Inaccurate Claim to Change the Original Framework Text Comment 2560 in your recent History Social Science Framework Supplement Input on March 14th.

Page 216, lines 922-923: (Comment 2560)

Current text: "In the late fourth century BCE Chandragupta Maurya unified most of India through conquest and diplomacy and established the Maurya Empire."

Suggested change by South Asian Faculty group: "A period of **prolonged military struggle** between the republics and kingdoms of North India culminated in the victory of Chandragupta Maurya and the **first large-scale empire of India** in 321 BCE, comparable to the Warring States period in China and its first unification under the Qin slightly later."

1. There was no prolonged military struggle of empires akin to the Warring states period in Chinese history (which spans roughly 200 years).
2. This is factually untrue. Chandragupta established the Maurya Empire by the time he was around 20 and expanded it over a period of 20 years. I could not find similar term for such a timespan of one king.
3. Further the states he unified were from North, West, East and some from South of India as well.
4. You are considering this inaccurate suggestion in such a haste. In the interest of time, please refer to link below, there are numerous resources on https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chandragupta_Maurya regarding this.